## **GROUNDHOG FOR ZOO** COMES PARCEL POST

A parcel post package containing one the strangest shipments ever handled by local postal authorities arrived at the Memphis postoffice early Saturday for delivery to the Memphis zoo, in Overton park. The package contained s well-developed and handsome speci-men of the groundhog variety, who startled the guardian of the parcel post-shute into wakefulness by emitting a piercing shriek, a peculiar custom of an animal of this kind when disturbed, apparently resenting the treatment re-ceived at the hands of Uncle Sam's em-ployes.

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Recovering from the first shock of realizing that a "ferocious" monster was in their midst, clerks and carriers gathered around the cage of the animal and in an attempt to pacify it by producing tempting bits of edibles designed to delight the heart as well as tomach of "his hogship." It was not long before the animal was fully repaid for all inconveniences and emitting divers and sundry grunts expressing supreme satisfaction at such royal treatment accorded him by postoffice officials.

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Advices from Corinth stated that this was the largest animal that has ever passed through that office. Had rules of the postoffice been adhered to, it is doubtful if his hogship would have been able to make the trip via postal routes, but owing to the novelty of transporting and transferring animals, the groundhog was allowed to go through. The animal was sent by Dr. George Chambers, of Nixon, after repeated requests from the local zoo for one of its species. Authorities at the zoo Saturday stated that it was a perfect speciman and would prove an added attraction to the menagerie.

## **NEW YORK'S FLAGS AT** HALF-MAST FOR PERKINS

NEW YORK, June 21.—Flags were at haif-mast throughout the city yesterday during the funeral services of Geo. W. Perkins, philanthropist and financier, who died Friday. Other marks of tribute included the stopping of engines on every Hudson river day line steamship, commemorating the late financier's aid in beautifying the Hudson. Among the close personal friends who attended the services, which were held in the Presbyterian church of Riverdale, a suburb, were Cyrus McCormick, of Chicago; former Senator Albert J. Beveridge, of Indiana, and Senator Frank B, Kellogg, of Minnesota. Interment was made at Woodlawn cometery.

## PLAYED 'EM RIGHT, BUT HE IS HELD TO ANSWER

NEW YORK, June 21. (By International News Serwice.)—When Frank Lector, 17, a newsboy, was arraigned before Magistrate Silbermann charged with horse betting, he said:

"I do bet, but only with myself. After picking the winners for the day I mark a bet on a slip of paper and put it in my pocket. When the races are over I compare my selections with the real winners and then figure how I stand." "How do you stand now?" inquired the magistrate.
"Two thousand ahead of the game," LeRoy replied.
"I'll admit that's the only safe way, of playing the ponies," said the bench. "I'll hold you in \$500 bail so you can tell the same story to the judges in special sessions."

WERNER, NORTH DAKOTA, HAS STATE CREAMERY

BISMARCK, N. D., June 21. (By International News Service.)—Under authority established by law, the state of North Dakota has embarked in the creamery business by leasing a plant at Werner, which will be operated on a co-operative basis under the direction of the commissioner of agriculture and labor.

ASHLAND, Kam. June 21. (By Interational News Service.)—This section of Kansas and Northern Oklahoma are facing a grasshopper scourge. While the "hoppers" so far have done but little damage, farmers are daily becoming more alarmed due to their rapidly increasing numbers. Wheat in this vicinity was badly damaged by the pest last year. In one portion of South Clark county, 12 miles from here, the grasshoppers are reported as literally covering the ground.

## DIES AT 103.

COUNCIL GROVE, Kan., June 21. (By International News Service.)—Mrs. Margaret Patton, Morris county's oldest resident, was claimed by the Grim Reaper here the other morning. She was found dead by her daughter. Mrs. Anna been facing a prisoner now looks through thamer, with whom she made her home. Had she lived three months longer, Mrs. Patton would have been 103 years

## START HARVESTING OF "MIRACLE" WHEAT

HOBRAT, Okla., June 21. (By Inter-ational News Service.)—The 1920 har-est season has opened in this vicinity. he cutting of 52 acres of "miracle" "Miracle" wheat, recently introduced in this section, ripens two weeks before other varieties.

## REDSKIN BREAKS OLD TRADITION: ENDS LIFE

OKTAHA, Okla., June 21. (By Inter-national News Service.)—A record was roken here the other afternoon when leff Oliver, 30. a full-blooded Indian. ended his life by hanging.

According to Indian agency officials, this is the first instance ever recorded wherein an Indian indulged in the act of self-destruction.

### LANDS A CUB WOLF WITH FISHING LINE

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sus figures in the records at Washingon, the population of Corinth is 5,132. A protest was entered with the census department when the January count

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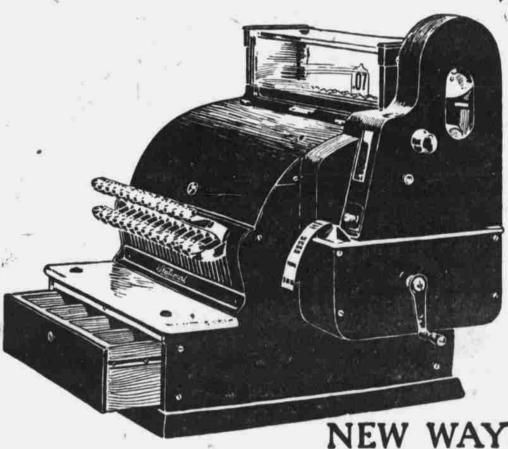
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